

USACE FINANCE CENTER  
BIWEEKLY REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING 10 DECEMBER 1999

**CEFMS:**

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. Status of CEFMS Modernization (Conversion to GUI). When we briefed the CEFMS Integrated Product Team (IPT) on 15 January 1999 we recommended the start of Phase II, the conversion of the CEFMS code to GUI, be delayed from 1 June 1999 to 1 January 2000. This recommendation was approved by the DCG on 8 March 1999. The approved dates were to begin the conversion on 10 January 2000, to allow some time for the CEFMS Team to react to potential Y2K problems, complete the conversion on 10 March 2000 with deployment later in March. Realistically the deployment would have been sometime in early April prior to opening the accounting period for April business.

Since 8 March 1999 we have focused our primary effort in two areas; (1) The development and fielding of a GUI version of the Problem Reporting System, and (2) effort to modernize two, ("Obliappr"--the functionality related to funds obligation activities--and "Praccert"--the functionality for certifying purchase requests and commitments) of the twelve (12) "hot spots" that we had identified to be addressed in Phase III. We determined that these two areas of the code were causing over 80 percent of the problems being reported by the CEFMS field users.

Our plan has been to field the GUI version of the Problem Reporting System to the CEFMS Team first--We completed that action on 16 April 1999. We then planned to make the use of this version of the Problem Reporting System mandatory for all contract programmers working on the project before deploying to the first field test site--the Huntsville Center. We completed that action on 15 October 1999. We have been unable to deploy the Problem Reporting System to the Huntsville Center for field testing due to the need for a "patch" to Oracle Web Forms.

Since the GUI version of the Problem Reporting System will serve as the prototype for the whole system and be the primary vehicle for training the sites/field personnel we believe that we must have it in place (deployed USACE wide) for a minimum of one month for proof-of-concept prior to beginning the conversion of the CEFMS code. Additionally, the task of partitioning and "proceduralizing" (aligning and eliminating redundancy) "Obliappr" and "Praccert" requires more coding and testing prior

to release.

We have been in contact with a Senior VP at ORACLE Corporation and they have assigned our problems one of the highest priorities. We have also had several meetings/discussions with our on-site ORACLE experts and GRADKEL, the contractor performing the majority of the work on the two "hot spots".

Based on the above information we recommend that we revise our overall plan as follows: (1) Continue to aggressively pursue obtaining the "corrected code" from the ORACLE Corporation. (2) Incorporate the "fix" in the Problem Reporting System immediately upon receipt. (3) Provide a minimum amount of time for testing by the CEFMS Team and contractor personnel. (4) Then deploy to HNC and the UFC as the first two field test sites. (5) If we experience two weeks of operation by HNC and UFC with no drop-dead problems, deploy Corps-wide. (6) Continue to monitor operation of the prototype and make corrections where and when needed.

Concurrently continue to modernize, partition, and proceduralize "Obliappr" and "Praccert" and deploy in current version of the code by the end of January 2000. We would use the month of February for our proof-of-concept. We are also converting and testing several large stand alone CEFMS forms to GUI in order to prove the converter works on complicated forms, enables the GUI form to operate in an acceptable manner.

On our recommended schedule conversion of the CEFMS code in total will begin 15 March 2000 and run through 15 May 2000. Testing will begin as soon as the forms are converted. The date for deploying the Modernized System USACE wide will be when we open the accounting period for June business.

#### PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 762 versus 773 on the last report. The inventory includes 83 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 2 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Forty-three (43) of the sixty-two databases have no imbalances, nine (9) have one, four (4) have two, an additional five (5) sites have nine or less, and only one site has ten or more. The grand total of database imbalances across the system is 49 versus 61 on the last report.

## ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

### CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

#### UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

#### -----CURRENT SCHEDULE COMPLETE-----

#### NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>NUMBER:</u>
Huntsville	27
Millington	288
Washington	1
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	2
Total	319

#### DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 11/30/99	Current Month	Year To Date
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#### BY CHECK:

Checks Issued	51,705	10,122	61,827
Percent of Total	54%	51%	53%
Dollar Amount	\$559,726,911	\$109,026,941	\$668,753,852

#### BY EFT:

Transfers Made	44,747	9,915	54,662
Percent of Total	46%	49%	47%
Dollar Amount	\$801,226,837	\$189,288,418	\$990,515,255

#### OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. The UFC has begun implementing our operating plan for civilian pay processing for Y2K. On Tuesday we held a training session for all timekeepers to explain the accelerated schedule for Time and Attendance (T&A) processing for the pay periods ending 18 December 1999 and 1 January 2000. We have also begun informing all employees of the accelerated T&A schedule and are issuing reminders to supervisors for required dates/time of T&A certification. We have previously notified employees that certain pay actions will not be processed during these two pay periods. Also, discretionary PERSACTIONS will not be processed with effective dates of these pay periods.

b. The USACE Finance Center had our annual Christmas luncheon on Friday, 3 December, at the Helmsman Club on the Mid South Naval

Support Activity. Over 240 UFC personnel and their spouses/family members attended the buffet luncheon. Entertainment was provided by the UFC employees and spouses of employees. Donated centerpieces were given as door prizes.

We also presented the UFC Team of the Year Award for FY 99 to the USACE Revolving Fund Review Team. The team was recognized with a "team" plaque and individual achievement certificates in recognition of the dedication and accomplishments of the team.

c. We completed the reconciliation of the Accrued Leave accounts for WES. Necessary adjustments will be made so the "U" databases (U1, U2, U3, U4) payroll accounts can be combined. The CEFMS Systems Directorate will process the adjustments and transfer the legacy databases.

d. The FY 1999 Civil Works Appropriations CFO Principal Statements, Footnotes, Required Supplementary Stewardship Information and Required Supplementary Information for USACE version 2 submission of the CFO reports were completed and submitted to DFAS Friday December 10, 1999. All issues presented at the DoD/DFAS joint review, held at DFAS Headquarters in Washington on December 1, 1999, were addressed and corrected in the version 2 submission. The submission date for version 3 (Final) of the CFO reports is January 24, 2000. At this time, the only known adjustment that will be made in the version 3 submission will be an adjustment with the Inland Waterway Trust Fund that has not been received from the U.S. Treasury. Treasury is not required to provide us the USACE adjustments before December 31, 1999.